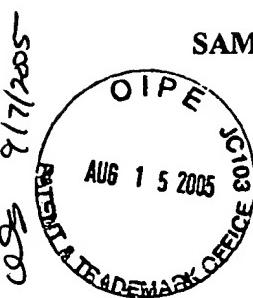


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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby replies to the Final Office Action dated May 13, 2005 in the above-referenced patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of the patent application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

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